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“FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH”

During Foster Care Awareness Month, we recognize the adoptive and foster families who have shared their homes and hearts with children in need, and we encourage more Americans to consider adopting young people of all ages.

Families who adopt show the generous spirit of our nation. Every child desires a permanent home, and when parents adopt a child to love as their own, lives are forever changed. For parents, the decision to adopt a child is among life's greatest and happiest turning points.

There are over 8,000 children living in foster homes or group homes in Los Angeles County – who, for one reason or another, have no parents, no homes. Nearly 600 are waiting to be adopted. These children are waiting for families to give them the love and support they need. Most are between the ages of 5 and 15. To stop the proliferation of gangs and violence, our children need to grow up in stable, loving homes. They need to know the difference between right and wrong. This will enable them to have the ability to say no to destructive lifestyles.

NOW, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors proclaim the month of May as “Foster Care Awareness Month” throughout Los Angeles County and encourage all residents to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities to honor adoptive families and to participate in efforts to find permanent homes for waiting children.

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